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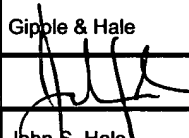
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	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)	
Utility	300	150	500	250	200	100	
Design	200	100	100	50	130	65	
Plant	200	100	300	150	160	80	
Reissue	300	150	500	250	600	300	
Provisional	200	100	0	0	0	0	

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Fee Description	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)
Each claim over 20 (including Reissues)	50	25
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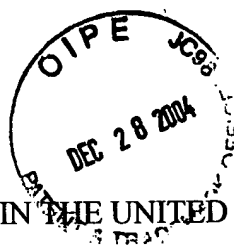
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MATERIAL

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**AMENDMENT**

In response to the outstanding Office Action of September 28, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please amend claims 16 and 20, cancel claim 24 without prejudice, and add new claims 25 and 26 as follows:

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